



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590



REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

CERTIFIED MAIL #: 7001 0320 0005 8917 6379
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Peggy Schulze
Harbor Country Travel Plaza
19290 M-239 Wilson Road
New Buffalo, Michigan 49117

RUST-05-2014-0004

Re: Compliance Order/Settlement Agreement (Field Citation) for Harbor County Travel Plaza

Dear Ms. Schulze:

On April 9, 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a Notice of Violation and Compliance Order/Settlement Agreement (Field Citation) concerning violations found during a compliance inspection conducted at the Harbor County Travel Plaza, 19290 M-239 Wilson Road, New Buffalo, Michigan 49117.

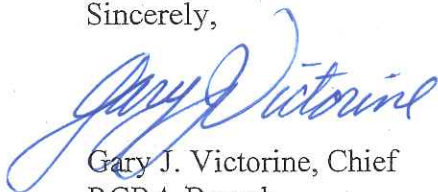
We received your signed original copy of the Settlement Agreement, dated April 16, 2014, and the check for \$70.00 in penalties. We have reviewed the original copy of the Settlement Agreement where you have indicated that you have corrected the cited violations of the underground storage tanks regulations.

The Settlement Agreement states that it is effective upon EPA's final approval. I have enclosed a signed and dated copy of the approved Settlement Agreement. The original Settlement Agreement will remain in EPA files. We have accepted and processed your check as part of the settlement process.

Also, based upon cathodic protection test results from Tanknology, the cathodic protection for your 10,000 gallon stip-3 (diesel) tank did not meet the -850 millivolts criterion for cathodic protection as established by NACE. This work to your cathodic protection system is a necessary repair. The EPA can pursue more formal enforcement measures to correct the violation and seek penalties of up to a maximum penalty of \$37,500 per day for each violation; as well as the issuance of a notice to prohibit delivery of regulated substances to the USTs located your facility. Please repair the cathodic protection system and submit all paperwork to EPA within 30 days regarding the repair of the cathodic protection system.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Sandy Siler, of my staff, at (312) 886-0429.

Sincerely,



Gary J. Victorine, Chief
RCRA Branch

Enclosure

cc: Case Officer Enforcement File
T. Kenney (C-14J)
Regional Hearing Clerk – Region 5
Joe Banas, DLARA
Kevin Wieber, DLARA
Blake Edwards, EPA Cincinnati Finance Office

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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) REGION 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard (LR-8J), Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) FIELD CITATION FORM FOR EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT NO. R5-UST-14-011-SS

PART I: INSPECTION SUMMARY

On: 04/09/2014 Time: 10:30 AM

At: Harbor Country Travel Plaza
Address: 19290 M-239 Wilson Road
New Buffalo, MI 49117

Peggy Schulze
(Name of Site Representative if not the Owner or Operator)

Name and address of the UST Owner

Name: Peggy Schulze
Address: 19290 M-239 Wilson Road
New Buffalo, MI 49117

A duly designated officer, employee, or representative of the EPA or a duly designated officer or employee of the State or Tribe inspected this facility. EPA has reviewed the inspection report and other relevant materials and has identified the following violation(s) of the UST regulations promulgated or approved by EPA under Subtitle I of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (42 U.S.C. § 6991 et seq).

1. Violation: Failure to maintain records of cathodic protection inspections

Cite: 40 CFR 280.31(d)

Proposed Penalty: \$70

2. Violation:

Cite: 40 CFR

Proposed Penalty:

3. Violation:

Cite: 40 CFR

Proposed Penalty:

4. Violation:

Cite: 40 CFR

Proposed Penalty:

TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTY: \$70

EPA finds the Owner or Operator in violation of the above referenced UST regulations.

(Signature of EPA Inspector)

(Date)



Part II: SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT/COMPLIANCE ORDER

A. Settlement Agreement: The Owner or Operator by signing this Settlement Agreement (or by having an authorized representative sign it) agrees to settle the violations identified in Part I, subject to the following terms and conditions:

The Owner or Operator certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the U. S. Government, that he or she has corrected the violations, submitted true and accurate documentation of their correction, and submitted payment to the U.S. Treasury for the amount of \$70 in payment of the full proposed penalty amount, as described in Part I of this Form.

The Owner or Operator agrees to comply with the terms of the Compliance Order in Part II.B. Without admitting liability for the violations cited in Part I, the Owner or Operator signing below waives any objections to EPA's jurisdiction with respect to the Compliance Order and this Settlement Agreement, and consents to EPA's final approval of this Settlement Agreement without further notice. The Owner or Operator waives the opportunity for a public hearing pursuant to RCRA section 9006.

Once EPA signs the Settlement Agreement, EPA will take no further enforcement action against the Owner or Operator for the civil violations described in Part I, provided the violations have been timely corrected and the penalty has been paid. EPA does not waive its right to enforce against the Owner or Operator for any other violations not described in Part I and violations of the UST requirements or other requirements listed in Part I that were not corrected in a timely manner.

This Settlement Agreement and Compliance Order will become effective once signed by EPA and is binding on EPA and the Owner or Operator upon signature by both parties. Final approval of the Settlement Agreement and Compliance Order is in the sole discretion of the Regional Administrator, Region 5, EPA, or his or her authorized delegate. Upon final approval, EPA shall mail a copy of this document to the Owner or Operator signing below.

SIGNATURE BY OWNER, OPERATOR, OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

Name (Print): H. B. Soldsborough

Title (Print): G. M.

Signature: [Signature] Date: 4/16/2014

B. Compliance Order: This Compliance Order is issued under the authority of RCRA section 9006 to resolve the civil violations identified in Part I. The Owner or Operator is ordered to correct the violations, submit true and accurate documentation that the violations were corrected, and pay the total penalty amount listed in Part I of this Form. This Compliance Order shall become final and enforceable only upon signature by an EPA official with the authority to sign this document.

Name (Print): Gary J. Victorine

Title (Print): Chief, RCRA Branch

Signature: [Signature] Date: 4/30/14

Notes: